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Airline employees arrested

■ A two-year investigation of a narcotics and weapons smuggling ring leads to dozens of arrests.

MIAMI (AP) - Dozens of American Airlines employees and contract workers were arrested Wednesday in a federal investigation into a drug ring that authorities said used the airline's planes to smuggle drugs into the United States.

Undercover agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms also approached suspects about shipping guns and military-style explosives in the sting.

"What they had was a very elaborate scheme for aiding in the distribution of narcotics and weapons," said AFT spokesman Ed Halley. "For a price these individuals would bypass security and deliver anything that was paid for to a person that was paying for it."

The investigation began two years ago after law enforcement officials became aware that "multiple contra-

band" was being taken into secure areas of Miami International Airport, U.S. Attorney Thomas Scott said.

"These people did these acts intentionally knowing there were narcotics and that they were paid for," Scott said Wednesday. "There is no issue of entrapment."

Fifty-eight people were named in multiple indictments resulting from Operation Sky Chef and Operation Ramp Rat, including 30 American employees, Scott said. Also charged were employees of LSG/Sky Chefs, a food service contractor owned by Lufthansa Airlines.

Charges included conspiracy, importation and distribution of drugs, and weapons offenses.

By early Wednesday afternoon, at least 48 people had been arrested at their homes and a few at the airport.

The drugs, which included bogus cocaine and marijuana supplied by agents, were smuggled to points including Philadelphia and San Juan, Puerto Rico, in airline food carts, garbage bags and backpacks by uniformed workers who eluded metal detectors and airport

X-rays.

"In the minds of these violators they were transporting the real thing," Halley said. "Greed is the bottom line there. They did it all for a price."

The people indicted were mainly ramp workers and baggage handlers, agents said. Two U.S. Immigration and Naturalization agents were arrested, and a Broward Sheriff's Office deputy who worked part time as a baggage handler was indicted, said Brent Eaton, a federal Drug Enforcement Administration spokesman.

No one in management was arrested, and no American pilots or flight attendants were indicted, he said.

"Because it was an undercover operation, it's hard to judge, but they were making lots of money doing this, more than their salaries," Eaton said.

American Airlines, the largest carrier serving Latin America, issued a statement from its corporate headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas, saying the company has cooperated in the investigation.

The company was not expecting any disruption of service, spokeswoman Martha Pantin said.

To keep their seats, lords must write essay

LONDON (AP) - In 75 words or less, why would you like to be in the House of Lords?

That's the question for hereditary members of the Lords before an election this fall to select the lucky few who will keep their seats.

To some, it smacks of a cereal-box competition. "I should remain a lord because ..." read Wednesday's headline in The Times.

"The whole thing is ludicrous," says Lord Mancroft, a Conservative peer. "What do I include - my inside leg measurement?"

A Brief essay did not win Lord Mancroft his seat in the Lords, the upper house of Parliament. He's there because his grandfather, Arthur Michael Samuel Mancroft, was given a hereditary peerage in 1937 after long service in the House of Commons.

The House of Lords has little power. But it can amend bills from the House of Commons, thereby delaying legislation that otherwise might sail through Parliament when the governing party has a huge majority - like Prime Minister Tony Blair's Labor Party.

Blair is determined to eliminate all the 755 hereditary peers from the House of Lords. That would leave more than 500 other members of the House - mostly life peers, appointed as a reward for their work, but also archbishops of the Church of England.

There are hardly any Labor supporters among the sundry dukes, marquesses, earls, countesses, viscounts, barons, baronesses and other bluebloods who inherited their seats.

The 471 Conservatives in the Lords include 299 hereditary peers, compared to 176 Labor members, of whom just 18 inherited their titles. The rest of the hereditary peers are affiliated with other parties or sit independently.

The election is an interim step that will allow the hereditary peers to choose 92 of their number to keep their seats for awhile.

Candidates must submit their 75 words by Oct. 21, to be published in the Lords Library. The election date has yet to be set.

Lord Onslow, seventh in a line going back to 1801, accepted the 75-word limit as a challenge.

"There is a great deal to be said for brevity," he said.

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Dragging attack leaves man in critical condition

MARTIN, S.D. (AP) - A white man was beaten, kicked in the head and left with a rope around his neck on an American Indian reservation. Three American Indians were arrested.

The FBI and federal prosecutors said it was too early to label the assault a hate crime, though they're not ruling it out. Relatives of the victim and one of the suspects blamed alcohol, not race.

Brad Young, 21, was in critical condition Wednesday. He was found early Saturday, about seven hours after the incident at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Louis Means and Byron Bissonette, both 18, pleaded not guilty Wednesday to federal charges of assault resulting in serious bodily injury. The charges are federal because the crime happened on the reservation. A 17-year-old juvenile was also taken into custody.

Local newspapers and television reported that Sheriff Russel Waterbury said the crime was racially motivated.

However, he told a radio station he had been misunderstood.

"I've got a lot of calls on that, and that was my opinion, to do something that horrible to somebody else," he told

KWSN on Wednesday. "I didn't mean the actual hate crime, so I don't know where they come up with where I was quoted as saying that. But that was my opinion."

Waterbury did not return calls Wednesday to The Associated Press.

According to Waterbury, Young had been pulled around a field by the rope around his neck, and was severely cut and barely recognizable because he had been kicked in the face by people wearing steel-toe boots.

The sheriff said the three suspects had been partying with Young the night of the attack and Young had bought them alcohol.

Young's mother, Carol Bucholz of Lexington, Neb., said her son's left ear was almost torn off and his right ear badly damaged. She said that he suffered head injuries but that there was no sign of brain damage.

"They dragged him all over that field and left him to die," said Lila York, Young's cousin. "It's out of hatred. Why else would anybody do that?"

The three had been drinking and got into an argument, said Bissonette's uncle, Arthur Has No Horses, who said he talked to his nephew.

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